

Engine Company No. 15, Firehouse
Lombard Street and Howard Street
Baltimore
Baltimore County
Maryland

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MARYLAND	COUNTY BALTIMORE	TOWN OR VICINITY BALTIMORE
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Engine Company No. 15, Firehouse		HABS NO. MD-854
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Lombard Street & Howard Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1891	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An 1890's firehouse which is still being used.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing walls with timber floor framing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories, 2 bays, rectangular.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The main facade of the building is divided into two bays, each of which is made of a large apparatus doorway with a semi-circular arch. Each arch now contains a decorative iron grill above the springline. The apparatus doorways are of wood, interior panels painted buff, outer paneling painted blue. Buff and blue doors are characteristic of turn of the century Baltimore firehouse architecture. A small doorway, used for pedestrian access to the firehouse, lies between the apparatus doors. A stone ornament consisting of a flat square bed supporting a raised ring with a central star motif of two interwoven equilateral triangles. The cornice at the top of the building is of header bricks, raised and recessed in a checkerboard pattern. A stone plaque with raised letters which spell out "Fire Department" is over the cornice of the building.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Engine Company No. 15 is considered the "central" company of the Department.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Orrest, Clarence. <u>Our Firemen</u> . Balt: Williams and Wilkens, 1898.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, Historian, HABS from reports by J.G. Waite, Architect, N.P.S. (Aug. 16 & Sept. 7, 1964)		DATE 3/17/84